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LETTER DATED 3 NOVEMBER 1993 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I.
OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to notify you of violations of the provisions of the cease-fire and of the terms governing the area of separation between Iraq and Iran that were committed by the Iranian side between 12 and 30 October 1993.

1. At 2150 hours on 12 October 1993, sounds of explosions were heard coming from behind the earth embankment at coordinates 336255. A projectile was fired towards Iraqi territory, and it landed beyond the Faw-Basra highway.

2. At 2210 hours on 13 October 1993, a mortar shell was fired by the Iranian side from coordinates 335245. It fell at coordinates 295245.

3. At 1200 hours on 14 October 1993, an Iranian fibreglass boat was observed with eight persons on board wearing civilian dress and military uniforms and carrying three field glasses. They made observations of coordinates 272395, and at 1700 hours the boat returned to the Iranian side opposite the Bihar post.

4. At 1600 hours on 14 October 1993, an Iranian fibreglass boat approached the area opposite the village of Sayhan at coordinates 095578. There were eight persons on board wearing civilian dress and military uniforms. They made observations of the area and, at 1630 hours, the boat returned to the position at coordinates 095580.

5. At 1730 hours on 15 October 1993, the Iranian side fired a mortar shell that fell at coordinates 226315.

6. At 1530 hours on 18 October 1993, individuals from the Iranian position at coordinates 5555 fired four light rifle rounds in the direction of Iraqi units.

7. At 1630 hours on 18 October 1993, a group of some 8 to 10 soldiers from the Iranian side was observed carrying out maintenance work on their positions at coordinates 512511 inside the area of separation.

8. At 0930 hours on 19 October 1993, a group of eight or nine persons from the Iranian side was observed carrying out maintenance work on forward positions inside the area of separation at coordinates 503533 opposite the Fakkah post.

9. At 1430 hours on 19 October 1993, a grey Iranian boat was observed carrying seven persons, some wearing military uniforms and some in civilian dress. The boat approached coordinates 78588, and its occupants made observations of the Iraqi side from the shore. The boat then returned to the Iranian side.

10. At 1200 hours on 22 October 1993, a grey Iranian fibreglass boat with three armed soldiers on board proceeded towards the position at coordinates 995725 where one of the soldiers made observations of the Iraqi island of Umm al-Rasas. The boat then proceeded towards coordinates 996723 and remained there for one hour before returning to the Iranian side.

11. At 1610 hours on 23 October 1993, a group of some 11 persons from the Iranian side was observed carrying out maintenance work on the bunkers and positions inside the area of separation at coordinates 518527 opposite the Fakkah post.

12. At 1020 hours on 24 October 1993, a group of some 25 persons from the Iranian side was observed carrying out maintenance work on the bunkers and positions at coordinates 514501 inside the area of separation opposite the Fakkah post.

13. At various times on 24 October 1993, the artillery of the Iranian regime shelled Iraqi areas in the Qal'at Dizah basin and Wadi Balankan to the north of Raniyah township. Shelling was concentrated and intense, and some of the inhabitants of the villages in the Qal'at Dizah basin were forced to leave their homes.

14. At 0915 hours on 27 October 1993, a group of some nine persons from the Iranian side was observed moving barbed wire and distributing it along the positions at coordinates 502512 inside the area of separation opposite the Fakkah post.

15. At 0800 hours on 28 October 1993, the Iranian side proceeded to build a new guard post at the position on the Iranian earth embankment at coordinates 924753 inside the area of separation.

16. At 0810 hours on 30 October 1993, a group of some 10 persons from the Iranian side was observed carrying out maintenance work on the bunkers and positions at coordinates 514501 inside the area of separation opposite the Fakkah post.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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